

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

August 1, 2023

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was called to order at 6:31P.M. by Chair Tewari, Tuesday, August 1, 2023, in The Frank Art Gallery.

Present: Chair Tewari, Vice Chair Marcos; Member Cordova, Fancher, Tripathi, Rimarachin, Smith, Naigur and Johnson

Absent: Member Stephens

Also Present: City Staff Liaison Joseph Yaciuk, City Staff Liaison Cole William, City Staff Liaison Juliana Salazar-Rosario, Assistant City Attorney Heather Needelman, and Board Secretary Nicole Lafrance

MINUTES:

On a motion by Member Fancher, seconded by Vice Chair Marcos, to approve the June, 2023 meeting minutes, passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

REPORT OF LIAISON:

Liaison Salazar-Rosario opened the meeting by informing members of the new landscape permits, solar permits, and tree removal permits.

Liaison Yaciuk then goes on to brief members on updates that happened at the June Commission meeting, including the PREMO transit plan and how the topic of solid waste would be brought up at the next Commission meeting.

Liaison Yaciuk reviews the way the EAB meetings are laid out, informing members of the new permits coming into the city as well as related projects, he asks members if they continue to be interested in these topics at meetings. Member Naigur mentions if the topics are environmental related ex: solar she likes to hear about it. Vice Chair Marcos agrees and says that he likes the way the meetings have been presented. Chair Tewari mentions he would like to hear more about solid waste updates.

Member Fancher has questions regarding the tree removal process and how it works if a member of the city gets a letter from an arborist about tree removal without a permit. Chair Tewari mentions how North Perry Airport uses lead fuel and if they interact

with the city on any level to make them use something more environmentally friendly. Liaison Yaciuk mentions Mike Stamm is a member on the North Perry Airport's Board and a topic like this has been mentioned, Liaison Yaciuk lets Chair Tewari he will try to get him that information.

Member Cordova mentions that she would like to hear updates about the FAU Flex Study. Member Naigur mentions she would like to hear more about forever chemicals, and it is something she has spoken to Commissioner Good about. Member Tripathi asks how the city is dealing with single use plastics.

OLD BUSINESS:

Liaison Yaciuk brings up the Right to Clean Water Act and how the board would like to proceed. Member Cordova mentioned that she read up on it and really likes the Act, although she has some legal questions which Assistant City Attorney Heather Needelman speaks on briefly. The members go on to discuss the Right to Clean Water Act and how they as a Board would like to continue. A motion was made by Member Naigur seconded by Member Fancher to recommend to Commission to support and promote The Right to Clean Water Act being on the Florida State Ballot passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liaison Yaciuk discussed Board Night and how Chair Tewari did a great job of presenting to Commission the Sustainability Coordinator position. He also mentions the possibility of a joint meeting with other Boards and how there will be a new joint meeting to be added to the calendar for January. Liaison Yaciuk goes on to present a questionnaire to the members regarding topics of discussion for future meetings. Members take a moment to fill out this questionnaire, ranking topics from 1-7 on level of interest.

Liaison Yaciuk informs members of a new program 2023 Clean School Bus Program and how the Environmental Advisory Board has a letter of support for this program. This program will take 40 of the Pembroke Pines Charter School busses and make them electric, reducing emissions and providing cleaner air for the community. A motion was made by Member Fancher Seconded by Member Smith to approve the support of the 2023 Clean School Bus Grant passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There was none.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Tewari adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Lafrance
Board Secretary

APPROVED: